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Interior Secretary Zinke Reviewing 22 National Monuments

Under the American Antiquities Act of 1906 Congress gave the White House authority to protect historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest, on federal and by establishing the area as a national monument. Many of those designations have been controversial because the Act doesn't expressly require congressional or local approval. In signing an executive order to reveal all monument designations since 1996 President Donald Trump said he hoped "to end another egregious abuse of federal power." Former President Bill Clinton's 1996 designation of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in Utah was the first in 16 years since the Carter administration on Presidents Barack Obama, George W. Bush and Clinton have ordered 57 monuments to be established or enlarged since then, representing a combined 71 million acres and 12 million square miles of ocean.

National Monuments Under Interior Department Review

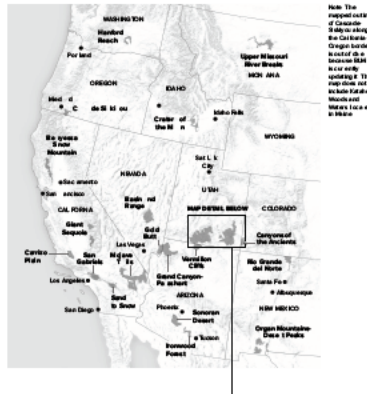
Trump's executive order triggers a review of 22 of the 52 land-based monuments that have been established or enlarged since 1996, representing 98 percent of the land acres designated under the Antiquities Act since then.

The order calls for a review of any designation 100.00 acres or more before or after an enlargement and an designation or expansion "made without adequate public outreach and coordination with relevant stakeholders."

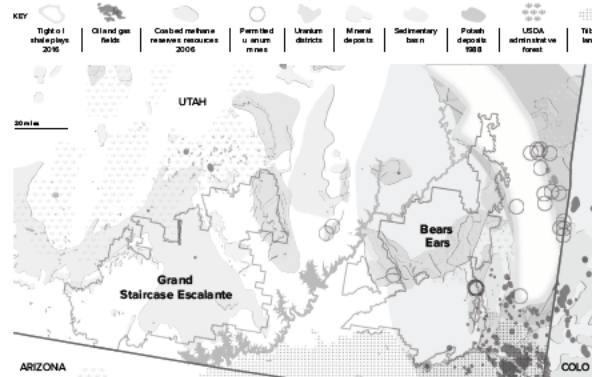
Each of the five marine national monuments, totaling 12 million square miles, will also be reviewed by the Commerce Department under a separate executive order in part to estimate "the opportunity costs associated with potential energy and mineral exploration and production from the Outer Continental Shelf."

nter or Secretary Ryan Zinke who is leading the review of land designations. Recently visited two monuments in Utah: Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante. These are two of the largest monuments and are under particular scrutiny. State lawmakers have been advocating for their repeal and both states are believed to hold fossil fuel resources. Unlike a heretofore federal land, excavation is prohibited within a national monument.

Trump cited Bears Ears by name in both the executive order and during its signing, saying he has "heard a lot about Bears Ears." The order gives 21 and 45 days to provide Trump with recommendations on Bears Ears and 120 days to review the 21 others. Interior is accepting public comments for 15 days on Bears Ears until May 26 and 60 days regarding other monuments until July 10.



Energy and mineral resources surrounding Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments



National Monuments Established Or Enlarged Since 1996, by Acres Affected

The following are under review by the Interior Department:

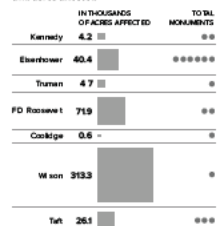
■ CLMOM ■ CBMA ■ Monument designations under review reflecting at least 100,000 acres ■ Designations under review for outreach

<p>Grand Staircase-Escalante Utah 17 mil in area Citation Sept. 1936</p>	<p>Highway Trail Calif 16 in line area Citation Feb. 1916</p>	<p>Crest of the Moon Idaho Bring out 661,387 acres Citation Mar. 1930</p>	<p>San Geronimo of Mountaineer Calif 3,461,177 acres</p>	<p>Carrizo Calif 204,167 acres</p>
			<p>San Jacinto of Mountaineer Calif 2,307,800 acres</p>	<p>Harvard Idaho Wash 195,000 acres</p>
			<p>Oregon Mountains Desert Peaks N.M. 495,210 acres Citation 1904</p>	<p>Canyon of the Andalusite Calif 964,000 acres</p>
			<p>Grand Canyon N.M. 1,277,690 acres</p>	<p>Grand of Idaho Calif 964,000 acres</p>
<p>Blue of Desert Utah 136 mil line area Citation Dec. 1916</p>	<p>Grand Canyon Premont Ariz 1,010,000 acres Citation Jan. 1920</p>	<p>Blue of Grand and George Nev 704,000 acres Citation July 1915</p>	<p>Gold of Blue N.M. 2,361,937 acres</p>	<p>Lower Desert N.M. 189,917 acres</p>
		<p>Sierran Desert Ariz 489,140 acres Citation 1901</p>	<p>Vernon of CRB Ariz 218,000 acres</p>	<p>Orange of Idaho 100,000 acres</p>
				<p>Ex of Idaho N.M.</p>
		<p>Upper of Mount Blue Nevada 277,346 acres Citation 1901</p>	<p>San of Grand desert N.M. 2,42,955 acres</p>	<p>Other of Desert 100,000 acres</p>
				<p>Not Desert under review</p>

Historically, Presidents Have Diminished Monuments, Only Congress Has Abolished Them

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Total monuments diminished, by president
and acres affected



National monuments abolished by Congress

Total number of former monuments that are now under authority of

Native name	English name	State	Year	Notes
Malay (most recent)	Dec 2	1980	USPS request of Tongass National Forest	
Maya (Coral)	Aug 1	1986	BLM	
Venezuela	March 29	1956	Narr Davidson	
Chad (Friday)	March 28	1956	South Ca dria	
Chad (Friday)	March 28	1956	USPS request of Tongass National Forest	
Shoshone (Crown)	July 6	1954	USPS request, cannot be visited	
Holy Cross	Aug 3	1950	USPS	
Whitaker	Sept 2	1950	USPS request of Grand National Forest	
Yellow Mt. Cross	Sept 1	1950	USPS request of Grand National Forest	
Leaves and the Crown	Aug 24	1957	Monitors new Leaves & Clark: Crown (State)	
Spring Squares	April 19	1950	Arizona new Spring Park: (State)	